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## DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply brief filed 06 February 2004 has been entered and considered.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

### ***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Renata McCloud whose telephone number is (571) 272-2069. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.- Fri. from 8 am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Nappi can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext. 37. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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